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In this year of paradox, the Kremlin's main anxieties about its western frontiers may come from the threat of unilateral American disengagement.

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Hi, Howard.

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I had drafted this just before seeing the splendid lead editorial of 7/21. Glad to be on the same side as your ed.-writers at least some of the time. Besides trying to stay on the side of motherhood, etc., I am also trying to inject some positive remarks that might help save some fellow-scientist's neck, not out of personal compassion, but because I feel we're all in the same noose, one way or another. I don't know Sakharov; ~~xxx~~ he is a protege of Tamm, also a wonderful maverick, whom I met in Stockholm in ~~195~~ 1958 and have encountered very occasionally since. (When I was chatting with him about nucleic acids, an eavesdropping reporter butted in and wanted to know what news we were exchanging about nuclear weapons!)

So even if the Post is still on strike (I hope not), maybe this can still get to ~~xxx~~ Pravda via Boston. They have betimes picked up occasional comments from my column before, as I hear from a friend at the NIH who reads the Russian papers.

I promise to get back to DNA -- when I can get my own mind back on to it. You might be interested that writing about caffeine a few weeks ago set me to thinking about some interesting experiments; but I won't publish these in "Science and Man". They would be boring.

*J. L. ...*

P.S. I am contacting Bill German and Stan Arnold in San Francisco.